

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (currently amended):** A substance encapsulation system capable of being apertured under a tensioning force, said system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about [[2]] 3, said bond site having a longitudinal axis oriented in a first direction and a transverse axis oriented in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction;
- (b) a powdered, granular, particulate, or gel substance disposed between said first and second prebonded webs; and
- (c) wherein upon application of a sufficient force having a vector component parallel to said transverse axis, said bond site fractures to form a corresponding aperture to facilitate exposure of said substance.

**Claim 2 (canceled)**

**Claim 3 (currently amended):** The substance encapsulation system of Claim [[2]] 1, wherein each said longitudinal axis is oriented in the same direction.

**Claim 4 (currently amended):** The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein said first or second prebonded web comprises a nonwoven.

**Claim 5 (currently amended):** The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein said wherein said first or second prebonded web comprises a polymeric film.

**Claim 6 (currently amended):** The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein said first and second prebonded webs are identical.

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Claim 7 (currently amended): A substance encapsulation system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about [[2]] 3; and
- (b) a central layer being disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs, said central layer containing a substance to be exposed.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein said first or second prebonded web comprises a nonwoven.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein said wherein said first or second prebonded web comprises a polymeric film.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein said first and second prebonded webs are identical.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein no adhesives are used to join said first and second prebonded webs.

Claims 14-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.2 inches.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein the bond sites have a width of less than about 0.02 inches.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.1 inches.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein the substance is continuously disposed between said first and second prebonded webs.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.2 inches.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.1 inches.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 25, wherein the bond sites have a width of less than about 0.02 inches.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein the central layer is continuously disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A substance encapsulation system capable of being apertured under a tensioning force, said system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of regularly repeating bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having a length of less than about 0.2 inches ~~and~~, a width of less than about 0.02 inches, and an aspect ratio of greater than 3, said bond site having a longitudinal axis oriented in a first direction and a transverse axis oriented in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction;
- (b) a powdered, granular, particulate, or gel substance continuously disposed between said first and second webs; and
- (c) wherein upon application of a sufficient force having a vector component parallel to said transverse axis, said bond site fractures to form a corresponding aperture to facilitate exposure of said substance.